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MACKMEN CATCH TIPPERS;
ARM-WAVING STUNT APPRISES SOLON BATTERS OF WHAT
PITCHER WILL SERVE; McCLOSKEY CHANGES SIGNALS
AND HEAVY HITTING CEASES; PHOENIX IS EAGER TO
CLEAN UP TUCSON AND WANTS SOLON SCALPS.

By "Beck."

WHEN the Mackmen got home from Phoenix they were brim full of excitement over an alleged signal-tipping stunt which was pulled off for the benefit of the Solons Saturday and Sunday. Stoney McGlynn and Ray Kallio were the victims and manager John J. McCloskey makes no bones about the charge and declares that it is contrary to the rules of baseball to use signal-tipping stunts.

"I simply couldn't understand how they were hitting McGlynn and Kallio after those same pitchers had them at their mercy earlier in the week. They simply took toe-kicks and hit into everything that came their way."

"During the Sunday game, I noticed a fellow out in deep center waving his arms every time a Phoenix man came to bat. There were some trees handy and they had a fellow up in a tree with a field glass. He caught the signals given by Blise to Kallio, called them down to the fellow below, who signalled to the batter."

"The sign was a wave of an arm for a curve ball and nothing for a straight fast one. The batters knew just what was coming and waded in. But you watch them at Albuquerque this week and you'll find that they won't be making any batting records and I know my pitchers are as good, if not better, than the Dukes."

"I accused the Phoenix men of the trick and they merely laughed at me. I fooled them, though, during the latter part of the game, however, for Jim Brown is as determined to beat out the Solons as he is to win the pennant. And now the Mackmen are really aching for a crack at the Solons to get even for the signal-tipping trick and Albuquerque and El Paso have the old intensity rivalry to carry on this league."

"Herb Hester has signed Howard Mondorf, an outfielder from the Los Angeles club of the Coast League, who is rated as a heavy hitter. He has not yet reported but may join the club this week. It is also reported that Hester is after Westwick, a big centerfielder who was with the Giants for a tryout two years ago and who has been playing independent ball with Globe this season. It is evident that Hester figures on a quick sale of Zenith Hall and is going to have another pitcher ready to fill his place."

"The fans down here don't realize the high grade of ball that is now being played in this league," declares umpire Harry Kane. "They are hitting a class 35 clip at the very least and when the fans in El Paso get that fact through."

Foolish Baseball Rumors Agitate Phoenix
Recent Slump of the Solons Is Ended

BY ERNEST DOUGLAS.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., June 8.—All kinds of foolish, crazy and unfounded rumors have been agitating the Phoenix fans for the last week. In spite of the uniformly good attendance at the games of the El Paso-Phoenix series, it was stated with more or less positiveness on every hand that the Arizona capital stood in danger of losing the Solons.

The scare seems to have started when Herb Hester received a bona fide offer of \$500 a month to manage a semi-professional team in May. Herb told only a few of his closest friends about it, and told them that he had not the slightest idea of accepting, but the Ray representatives let the cat out of the bag. It was noted about that Hester was not only to go to Ray himself but was going to take some of the Solons with him. Another story was that Hester was going to Ray and that the remainder of the team would go to Blise.

There has been more or less talk for some time of Blise's grabbing the Phoenix franchise in the Rio Grande association. But the same heads point out that if Blise really wanted a team she would have taken over the Douglas franchise and the association could then have been continued as a six team league. There is no doubt that the slightest chance of Phoenix losing its franchise as the club is getting good support and league baseball has come to stay.

Immediately after Herb Hall pitched a two hit game Saturday the story was

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Miss Sally Jacobs, society editor of a Phoenix newspaper and widely known as "the only woman sport writer," witnessed Sunday's game from the Solons' bench. She says Stanton is the handsomest of the local players. Toner the most fascinating, and Nutt the most lovable.

Carl Zamlock, released by George Reed after the series between the Dukes and Solons on the local ground, is playing in the outfield for Hayden, where his attacking ability makes him a valuable man. Zam has thrown his arm away, but will try to get back into league ball as a pitcher next season.

The Mackmen are conceded to be by all odds the most gentlemanly players seen in the Phoenix diamond. They are as polite as though graduated from a girls' seminary, but they don't play that way.

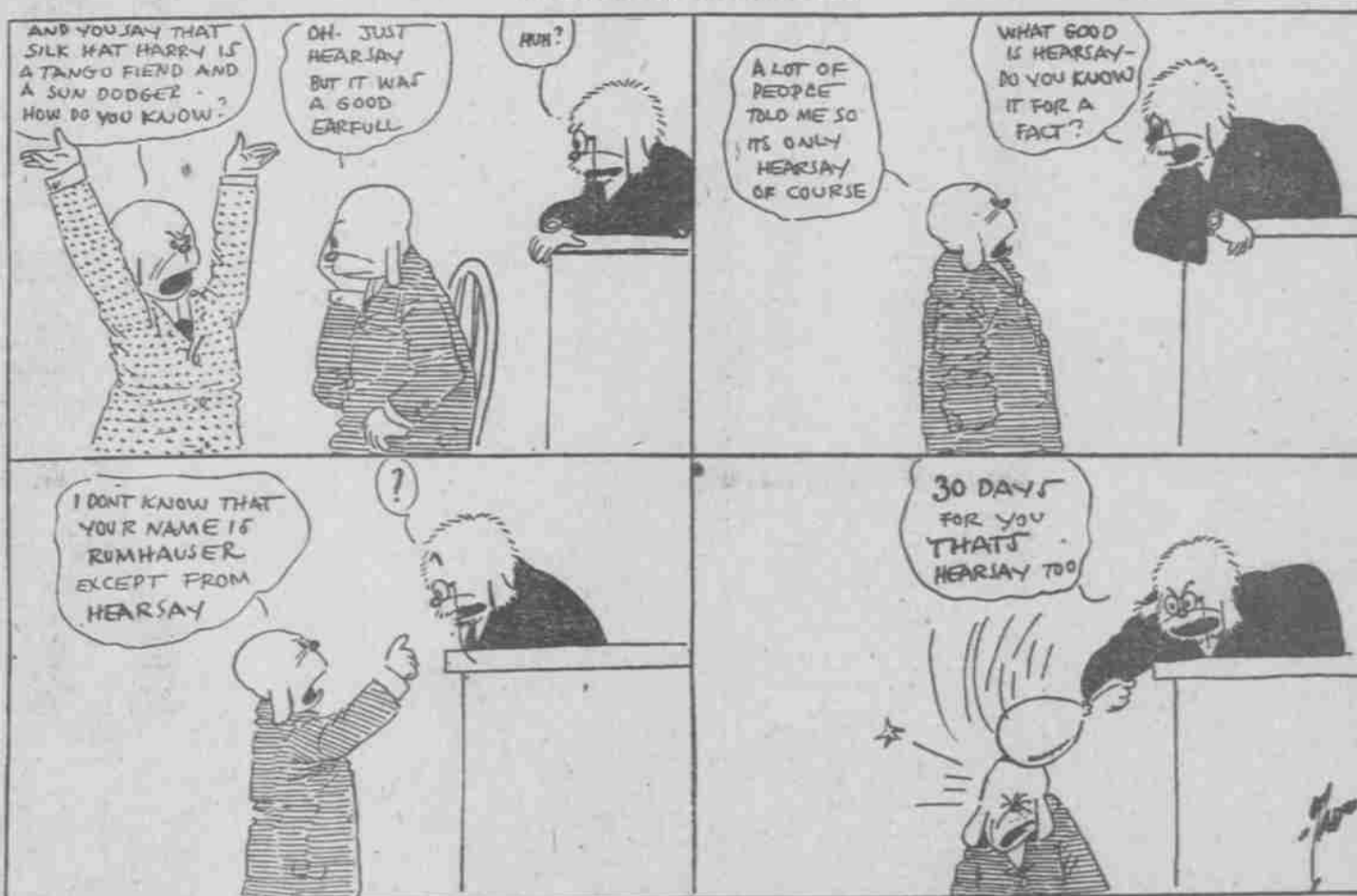
Nobody in Phoenix has been heard to complain because the ball park is a mile out of town. The jitney service is excellent and a large percentage of the fans own automobiles. Even the boys in the press box have their own motorcycles or runabouts.

JACKSON'S ARM SPRAINED.
Washington, June 8.—Manager Fohl of the Cleveland Americans announced today that an X-ray examination of Joe Jackson's right elbow, hurt in Cleveland on Memorial day, showed that several ligaments were sprained. Jackson will be out of the game about ten days.

JUST HEARSAY EVIDENCE

BY TAD

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KNIGHT LEADS LEAGUE PITCHERS;
McCREERY IS SECOND ON LIST

In Nine Games Knight Has Six Wins and No Defeats; McGlynn, Who Is Third, Has Seven Victories and One Loss; Sammy Beer Heads League in Number of Strikeouts; Has 45 to His Credit.

By "BECK."

OFFICIAL pitching averages for the Rio Grande league, complete up to June 1, are published today. Like the batting and fielding averages, the figures for the mound artists contain many surprises. Chief of these is the fact that Kitty Knight leads the pitchers with six games won and no losses out of nine starts. Kitty was taken out of the game only once, and twice went to the relief of Lewis after the game was lost. Stoney McGlynn is in third position with seven wins and one loss. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the veteran has the best string of victories of any pitcher in the league, as he had won six straight until the Old Pueblos defeated him in the series there.

Ed McCreery of the Solons is the second best winning pitcher, with five wins and no losses. McCreery, however, was in 12 games, being yanked out of the box on several occasions. Knight allowed an average of 1.19 hits per inning, and it was the hard hitting team behind him that largely contributed to Kitty's success. McCreery was more stingy with hits, his average per inning being .851. McGlynn was also hit hard, notably in the series with Douglas, his average allowance per inning being 1.02. The most runs were made off Knight, 58 being charged to him, while Irion, of the Dukes, hit the most batters, slugging six in the nine games he worked.

Jack Lewis tossed the most free transportation, and incidentally lost the most games. Lewis gets credit for only one victory in nine starts and is charged with six defeats. He went through only two games. Armstrong, worked in only one full game for the locals and his record does not appear in the figures. "Army" lost that game. He worked part of an inning in another game which Lewis had already lost.

Sammy Beer leads the league in strikeouts with 45 to his credit, Ed McCreery being a close second with 44. Sammy has another mark which may not be as pleasing. With McGlynn, he is tied for the most wild pitches.

The Albuquerque pitchers were changed the most frequently, while Herb Hester was also quick to yank out a twirler. Las Cruces made but two changes in pitchers during its games, while, aside from Lewis, there were only two shifts in the El Paso mound artists. McConnell, now with Tucson, was in tough luck while with Douglas. Twice he went in as relief pitcher for a short time only to be charged with the loss of the game. Considering the showing of the club behind him, McConnell's work was unusually good.

Official Pitching Records
Rio Grande Association

The following figures include all games up to and including May 31. Pitchers who have worked in two or more games only are given. Records of Las Cruces and Douglas pitchers who have dropped out of the league are omitted:

Name and Club	G	IP	AB	H	R	BB	SO	WP	Won	Lost	Pct.
Knight, El Paso	9	74 1-3	308	88	58	2	15	26	6	0	1.000
McCreery, Phoenix	12	74	285	63	25	3	25	44	2	5	1.000
McGlynn, El Paso	9	73 2-3	252	75	46	1	26	36	4	1	.875
Jordan, Albuq.	10	51	217	58	31	2	21	33	3	1	.833
Zamlock, Albuq.	6	32	142	40	30	1	17	18	2	3	.750
Irion, Albuq.	9	49 1-3	199	41	26	6	22	28	0	4	.667
Freitwider, Tucson	10	75 2-3	294	75	34	4	23	31	5	3	.625
Hall, Phoenix	11	78 2-3	309	61	33	3	21	42	1	6	.600
Trekel, Albuq.	7	44	181	61	28	8	22	2	3	2	.600
Toner, Phoenix	9	64 1-3	263	79	45	2	25	27	3	4	.500
Flecharly, Albuq.	2	17	53	11	7	1	4	8	0	1	.500
Kallio, L. C.-El P.	9	64	292	79	52	4	39	39	1	4	.500
Stevens, Tuc-Albuq.	4	22 2-3	85	18	0	6	10	1	1	1	.500
Sonoqui, Phoenix	2	9	31	7	3	2	3	5	0	1	.500
Hortman, Tucson	8	68	229	55	28	4	23	35	3	5	.375
McConnell, Doug.	8	56	250	97	52	0	18	18	0	3	.375
Beer, L. C.-El P.	8	64	273	85	52	2	18	45	4	3	.429
Andrada, Tuc.	6	40	161	53	27	1	17	12	1	2	.333
Lewis, El Paso	9	42 2-3	189	56	51	1	33	23	4	1	.143
Galt, Tucson	5	28	108	31	21	6	8	1	0	3	.000

A. H. E. BECKETT, League Secretary.

"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

HARRY KANE has the right idea when he declares that the use of foul language on the baseball diamonds must cease. Fortunately, the players who have been seen here this season have, as a general rule, behaved as gentlemen and it is to be hoped that the record will be maintained.

BURLESQUE queens are noted for pulling off press stories about their diamonds being stolen but it remained for Barney Oldfield to lead the speed kings by having his automobile swiped.

TALK about "riled" ball players, you should have seen the Mackmen when they pulled in from Phoenix on Monday morning! They were some peered over that signal-stealing stunt and are promising to do something startling to the Solons next week. They will be out to win every game and there will be some tight contests all right.

PHOENIX baseball fans were peevish at a rumor, last week, to the effect that several players with the Solons were going to cut loose and play independent ball. There

was no foundation whatever for the report and instead of being weakened, the Solons are being strengthened by the addition of two new men. The only candidates for the independent ranks are the castoffs.

BOOST for that tennis tournament for youths up to 18 years of age. Tucson beat us to the idea but we can improve on the Tucson tournament.

GEORGE DUDLEY is making the rounds of the local sporting goods houses on a still hunt for a new war club. After George broke his stick at Phoenix, he began to lose out on his daily home run and he is looking for a stick that is guaranteed to stand a home-run clout every day.

THE season's record in the Rio Grande league for playing time of a full nine-inning game was made at Phoenix on Saturday, when the full game was played in an hour and 25 minutes. Umpire Harry Kane says that he is going to beat even that mark within the next week or so. Looks like snappy ball, eh?

FRANK G. MENKE says there are 2,500,000 golfers in the United States. El Paso golfers say that a full round of the course on a hot day is responsible for a loss in the player's weight of three pounds. Get out your pencil and figure out the waste if all the golfers in the country would go over the full course on a hot day.

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COFFEY HAS WON
26 KNOCKOUTS

Record Is Considered Remarkable; Probable Opponent of Willard.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Jim Coffey, the present sensation of the pugilistic world, has fought 18 battles since he became a heavyweight battler and he has won 26 of them via the knockout route—the most amazing record ever compiled by a fighter.

Coffey never has been defeated. He has won 10 other of his fights through decisions, two were no decision affairs in New York and the other was a 10 round draw that he fought with Battling Levinsky.

Three weeks later he met Levinaky again and knocked him out in six rounds.

Coffey's friends claim he has a punch with the power of a mule's kick and his record seems to bear them out. Any man who can send 26 of 28 powerful foes to the mat in an unconscious condition is a champion of a terrible wallop concealed in his shoulders.

Coffey is Fast, Aggressive. Coffey is one of the fastest and most aggressive fighters the heavyweight division has ever known. He doesn't know the meaning of the word "stall." Nor does he use caution. He rushes into battle at the sound of the first going with the fury of Terry McGovern and he never stops his terrible rushing until the fight is over.

Coffey knocked out 26 fighters in a total of 39 rounds—an average of less than four rounds to an opponent. He has won six fights in the first round, a record without a parallel in the history of heavyweight pugilism. Five other of his fights were won in two rounds and four other in three rounds.

When the fact is considered that he has scored knockouts over more men than Jess Willard, and over a better class of men than Willard met before he battled Johnson, one must seriously consider Coffey's challenge for a chance at a crown.

He's Still Growing.

Coffey is 24 years old, weighs 260 pounds in fighting condition, is 6 feet 3 1/2 inches tall, and has still growing. He may reach 6 feet 4 inches before he hits in the upward movement. He's as solid as a marble spike and a perfect specimen of muscle.

Mike Donovan, the old middleweight fighter, "discovered" Coffey and induced him to drop around to the New York Athletic club where Mike was acting as boxing instructor. Mike took Coffey under his wing, and showed him a few things. Coffey got a side lease job as sparring partner for Carl Morris. Morris broke Coffey's nose with a punch one day and that made Coffey nervous.

Decided to Take Up Pugilism. "I decided to take pugilism seriously after that and to train up to the point where I could retaliate for the broken nose that Morris gave me," said Coffey. So Coffey got a few more lessons from Donovan and then got a fight with Nick Muller. That was on Jan. (Continued on next page)

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